

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FOOD AND DRINK CONVEYING SYSTEM

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.


COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	10-31538	13/02/1998	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
Japan	10-350201	09/12/1998	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith: Stephen H. Frishauf, Reg. No. 16,233; Leonard Holtz, Reg. No. 22,974; Herbert Goodman, Reg. No. 17,081; Thomas Langer, Reg. No. 27,264; Marshall J. Chick, Reg. No. 26,853; Walter J. Baum, Reg. No. 20,641; Richard S. Barth, Reg. No. 28,180; Douglas Holtz, Reg. No. 33,902; and Robert P. Michal, Reg. No. 35,614.

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DECLARATION ON SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS

The undersigned hereby declare(s) that this statement is made to support a claim by the below identified entity for purposes of paying reduced fees under Secs. 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Codes, with regard to an invention entitled FOOD AND DRINK CONVEYING SYSTEM

Invented by _____ and described in _____

☒ the specification filed herewith.

☐ application Serial No. _____, filed _____

☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

☐ a. I am/we are the inventor(s) of the above-identified invention.

☐ b. I/we would qualify as (an) independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) if I/we had made the above-identified invention, and rights under contract law with regard to the above-identified invention have been conveyed to and remain with me/us.

☐ the owner

☒ c. I am ☐ an official of the below-identified small business concern; rights under contract law with regard to the above-identified invention have been conveyed to and remain with the below-identified small business concern; and this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121. 3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons, said number being determined and said affiliates being defined in 13 CFR 121. 3-18.

No rights in the invention have been assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or further assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and there is no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, or further assign, grant, convey or license such rights to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which any rights in the invention have been assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or further assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or further assign, grant, convey or license, or as to where there is an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license such rights is listed below:

☐ no such person, concern, or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below *

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

FULL NAME _____

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I/we acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I/we hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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